



Remarks/Arguments

The Office Action mailed March 14, 2003, has been reviewed and carefully considered.

Claims 1- 14 have been canceled without prejudice. New claims 15 – 29 have been added and are pending in this application.

Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as herein amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(2) as being anticipated by Reitmeier (USP 6,115,080). In view of applicant's cancellation of these claims, this rejection is now moot. New independent claims 15, 20 and 28 are believed to be patentable over the patent to Reitmeier.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of the claims set forth in the Office Action of March 14, 2003 be withdrawn, that pending claims 15-29 be allowed, and that the case proceed to early issuance of Letters Patent in due course.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are currently due. However, in the event that any additional fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the application, they may be charged to applicant's representatives Deposit Account No. 07-0832.

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